

The Director

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Assistant General Counsel

1. I have been informed by Mr. Sullivan of the staff of the House Expenditures Committee that Admiral Zacharias, through an intermediary, has approached the Committee to offer his services and great experience to them in an investigation of the failure of intelligence at Bogota. This offer has been rejected by the Committee.

2. On Sunday, 18 April, on Washington station WINX at 12:15, Zacharias, who was introduced as a "former Director of wartime Naval Intelligence," discussed the entire situation.

3. In this radio address, which is quite fully reported on page 3 of today's Washington Post, Zacharias stated that it was "perfectly obvious that our intelligence was faulty" and that there was "lack of appreciation of the scope and importance of the psychological factors involved."

4. Zacharias blamed the Communists for the elimination of Gaitan on the basis that the latter had refused to go along with the Communist program.

5. Zacharias pointed out the long delay for intelligence to obtain adequate funds and criticized us for a lack of adequate qualified personnel. He stated that less than 1% of intelligence was secured by espionage, and that only in war time. He pointed out, however, a lack of overt intelligence properly used.

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